

CLAIMS:

1. A method of allocating network elements to a wireless network, wherein an allocation unit (ZG) transmits a code to a first network element (NE-1), which code causes the first network element (NE-1) to transmit its ID together with the code (encoded ID) so that the latter can be received by a second network element (NE-2) which allocates the first
5 network element (NE-1) to its network.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the allocation unit transmits an encoded light pulse.
- 10 3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the allocation unit transmits an encoded radio signal.
4. A method as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the activation of NE-2 to receive the encoded ID from NE-1 takes place by receiving the code from the allocation unit.
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5. A method as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the allocation unit can receive the encoded ID from NE-1 and transmit it to NE-2.
6. A method as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the allocation unit can
20 transmit a second code which causes a first network element (NE-1) to leave the network of the second network element (NE-2).
7. A method as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the allocation unit can
25 transmit a second code which causes the second network element (NE-2), which has a network administration function, to break up the network.
8. A method as claimed in either of claims 6 and 7, wherein the second code for removing network elements or for breaking up the network consists in the first code being transmitted over a longer time period or a number of times.

9. An allocation unit for allocating network elements to a wireless network, comprising a transmitter which transmits, in a user-controlled manner, a code to a first network element (NE-1), which code causes the first network element (NE-1) to transmit its ID together with the code (encoded ID) so that the latter can be received by a second network element (NE-2) which allocates the first network element (NE-1) to its network.

10. An allocation unit as claimed in claim 9, wherein the transmitter comprises a device for transmitting an encoded light pulse and/or an encoded radio signal.

11. An allocation unit as claimed in either of claims 9 and 10, wherein the code which causes the first network element (NE-1) to transmit its ID together with the code (encoded ID) causes the second network element (NE-2) to be ready to receive the encoded ID from NE-1.

12. An allocation unit as claimed in any of claims 9 to 11, wherein there is additionally a receiver for receiving encoded IDs.

13. An allocation unit as claimed in any of claims 9 to 12, wherein there is additionally one or more devices for displaying the respective operating state.

14. An allocation unit as claimed in any of claims 9 to 12, wherein there is additionally a transmitter which transmits, in a user-controlled manner, a second code which causes the first network element (NE-1) to leave the network of the second network element (NE-2) or which causes the second network element (NE-2), which has a network administration function, to break up the network.